

**AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WAUKESHA COUNTY
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date/Time: 2/5/09 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Human Services Center Brookfield Room

Committee Members:

<u>A</u> Curtis, John	<u>X</u> Lee, Lorraine
<u>X</u> Farrell, Dennis	<u>X</u> Pagels, Nancy
<u>X</u> Goetz, Jennifer	<u>X</u> Turkoske, Julie
<u>X</u> Graham, Bill	<u>X</u> Weidmann, Larry
<u>X</u> Hansen, Patricia	<u>EA</u> Wolff, Sandy
<u>X</u> Johnson, Scott	<u>EA</u> Zaborowski, William
<u>X</u> Lee, Glenn	

X = Present A = Absent EA = Excused Absence

Additional Attendees:

X Bellovary, Cathy
X Joan Schmitz-Long Term Care Ombudsman

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Approval of minutes of January 8, 2009 meeting:

Vice Chair Bill Graham called for approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2009 meeting. Dennis Farrell moved to approve the minutes, Pat Hansen seconded; all in attendance approved. The motion is carried.

Educational Segment –

Joan Schmitz, Long Term Care Ombudsman from the Board on Aging and Long Term Care, presented an overview of the Ombudsman program in place in Washington and Waukesha counties, and part of Milwaukee County. Ombudsmen are advocates, mediators, problem solvers and facilitators. There is collaborative advocacy where all parties come together at the same table and come to a win-win resolution. The goal is to get people to do the right thing. Joan reports that there are many calls received regarding HUD issues which she cannot handle. She is the statutory advocate for Family Care recipients over the age of 60. There has been an increase in discrimination in nursing homes related to payment by Medicaid. Handouts distributed were detailed and informative. There was much discussion and many questions were answered. An excellent program!

Director's Report:

- Director Cathy Bellovary gave an update on ADRC activities. The department has been very busy and many walk-in clients are being seen. There is an increase in clients needing Older American Act services.
- The new 2009 ADRC Resource Guide was distributed and a decision was made to convene a committee to review the book content and usability for the 2010 version.
- Resumes are being reviewed for the Elderly Benefit Specialist position that is vacant. Interviews will begin within two weeks.
- Cathy discussed the importance of the Board and the ADRC as strong advocates for clients and issues challenging the clients.
- Cathy has been making many presentations in the community.

GWAAR Report

A new Board is forming for the GWAAR. Staff is currently being hired and the newly formed group is in the process of reorganization.

CWAG

No report.

People Can't Wait Report:

Board members Lorraine Lee, Glen Lee, Julie Turkoske, and Dennis Farrell discussed issues at MCO's regarding transportation, guardianships, advocacy, and networking for individuals with physical and developmental disabilities. There was much discussion and many questions.

Other Business:

- The Sussex Senior Dining Center has moved to the Sussex Community Center.
- Cathy reports that home delivered meals in the county are steadily increasing.

Adjournment:

Bill Graham called for adjournment of the meeting. Lorraine Lee moved to adjourn; Glen Lee seconded the motion; all in attendance approved. The motion is carried.

Meeting Dates and Times/Next Meeting:

March 5, 2009 - 9:30 a.m. – HHS Brookfield Room

Approved _____ **Date** _____

Recorded and Submitted by Cathy Bellovary 2/5/09.